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Sir:

Subsequent to granting of the concurrently filed Petition to Withdraw from Issue Based on 37 CFR 1.313(c)(2), and subsequent to withdrawal of the above-identified application from issue, and upon granting the concurrently filed Request for Continued Examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims presently in the application as follows:

1. (Twice Amended) A method of transferring a